

CYNOLGY SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS AND THEIR ROLE IN CUSTOMS CONTROL

Кинологическая служба Республики Беларусь и их роль при проведении таможенного контроля

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Smuggling poses a threat to the economic security of Belarus, as well as to the deterioration of national industry. Therefore, every day the law enforcement agencies are engaged in an intensified fight against the smuggling and export of counterfeit goods. However, the increase in punishments did not disturb with smugglers. And on that basis, smuggling become like some kind of art.

Smuggling on the Belarusian border is carried out in different ways and on different scales. Usually, smuggling is carried through customs checkpoints without reporting its presence in the customs declaration, or by illegally crossing the border through forests and even rivers.

The use of specially trained dogs to detect drugs and explosives is actively practiced in many countries all over the world along with expensive instrumentation methods. Unlike physical methods of drug detection, dogs detect drugs by smell and therefore in most cases they show a higher sensitivity of drug detection compared to devices. Canine detection methods have higher detection sensitivity and mobility, the possibility of use in the field, the prevalence in customs structures, relatively low maintenance costs of the service. Search and detection of narcotic substances is currently one of the main tasks of the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus.

Since ancient times man has used a dog to hunt wild animals, housing protection, cargo transportation, pasture and livestock protection. Further for dogs there was a new work that led to the emergence of specialized breeds created to solve specific objectives. Hunting dogs were divided into greyhounds, hounds, spaniels, retrievers, huskies. The process of specialization and popular selection in dog breeding lasted for centuries.

Canine science is the science of dogs that studies the anatomy and physiology of dogs, the origin and evolution of dog breeds, their breeding and selection, feeding and maintenance, training and use for human benefit.

The tasks of the canine service department were:

the use of service dogs to suppress the illegal movement of narcotic, alcohol-containing, psychotropic and explosives as well as weapons and tobacco products across the customs border;

breeding, cultivation and preparation guard dogs;
special training of canine officials.

Today the canine service of the Republic of Belarus uses service dogs of the following breeds: German shepherd, Staffordshire terrier, Spaniel, Labrador.

Service dog breeding is a necessary and indispensable means of preventing and solving crimes, ensuring the safety of citizens and their property. Currently, more than 1,500 service dogs are used in the Republic of Belarus for the benefit of State bodies. The Belarusian customs cynology service appeared in 2000, and on modern stage it is one of the youngest services among the CIS countries. Its main tasks are the use of service dogs to prevent illegal movement of narcotic, psychotropic, alcoholic and explosive substances, as well as weapons and tobacco products across the customs border of the Republic of Belarus; breeding, cultivation and training of service dogs. Today, the creation of its own canine service is a very important and serious project for customs officers.

Annually law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Belarus reveals more than one crime related to transportation or distribution of drugs. The problem of combating drugs is complex and requires the joint efforts of many ministries and agencies. The health and safety of citizens depend to some extent on the effectiveness of work of the dogs at the border.

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